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1. APPROVAL BY EC COUNCIL OF PAPER TRANSMITTED REFTEL (A) REPRESENTS IMPORTANT PROGRESS IN RESOLVING EURATOM-IAEA DIFFERENCES. THERE REMAIN, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH IAEA SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN EURATOM NNWS. SOME OF THESE MATTERS ARE EXPLICITELY ADDRESSED IN THE PAPER APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. OTHERS ARE NOT ADDRESSED IN THE PAPER BUT HAVE BEEN IN THE BACKGROUND OF CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE IAEA. THESE MATTERS IMPACT NOT ONLY ON IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN EURATOM NNWS BUT IN OTHER NNWS AS WELL. WHILE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION

OF EURATOM-IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT REMAINS OF PARAMOUNT INTEREST, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH ENSURING EFFECTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS THAT REMAINING QUESTIONS BE RESOLVED BEFORE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IAEA AND EURATOM ON SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS IS COMPLETED AND THE ARRANGEMENTS CAST IN CONCRETE.

- 2. FOR VIENNA (USIAEA): WE BELIEVE THE ABOVE VIEWS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF DG EKLUND BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING AND THAT THE DG SHOULD AVOID ANNOUNCING ACCEPTANCE IN FULL OF ALL PARTICULARS OF EC PAPER. WE SUGGEST THAT AMB SMITH SUGGEST TO DG THAT AT BOARD AND GENERAL CONFERENCE DG LIMIT ANY OF HIS REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT TO WELCOMING MAJOR PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT AND NOTING THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE SETTLED. (FYI, WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO THE MISSION WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS A STATEMENT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS GOALS FOR IAEA SAFEGUARDS WHICH USG BELIEVES SHOULD BE SOUGHT BY THE IAEA IN ALL CASES. IN MAKING ABOVE APPROACH YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT EC PAPER WAS RECEIVED IN CONFIDENCE FROM BRUSSELS AND WE SHOULD AVOID IMPLICATION THAT WE HAVE TEXT OF PAPER. END FYI.)
- 3. FOR BRUSSELS (USEEC): WE APPRECIATE PROMPT REPORTING IN REFTEL (B). PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER EC COUNCIL APPROVED PAPER WAS SAME AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL (A). VANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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